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BIASABLE END REGION, APPARATUS
INCLUDING SAME, AND METHOD OF
USE

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application on the merits, entry of the amendments as set forth herein is respectfully solicited.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing which begins on page 17 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings appear on page 40 of this paper and include annotated sheets showing changes and Formal Drawings (13 sheets, 25 figures)

Remarks begin on page 41 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures and Formal Drawings is attached following page 41 of this paper.